The Bible and Daily Living

The flaw in humankind

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THE FLAW IN HUMANKIND
Lesson for October 1, 1983
Bible Study Passages: Jeremiah 2:9-13; Romans 1:18, 28 to 2:1,11
INTRODUCTION

An artist has painted a picture to represent humanity. The artist painted a picture of a man with a hole through his body. Can it be true? Is there a basic flaw in humankind? According to the Bible the answer is yes. Genesis describes the fall of humankind through the deliberate choice to act in disobedience to God. Adam and Eve lost their "paradise" and were cast out of the garden.

Sin is serious business. When we deliberately sin against God and other people we must meet with the consequences. Sin alienates us from God and from one another. Isaiah acknowledged this in his message to the people of Israel. "But your iniquities have separated between you and your God" (Isaiah 59:2).

The chasm that exists between us and God often yawns wide. The gaps that exist between us and other people only widen with the passing of time. The only thing that can bring us back into harmony with God and others is GRACE. God has provided a way for us to experience forgiveness of our sin.

National Sins [Jeremiah 2:9-13]

Israel once enjoyed a harmonious relationship with God through a covenant agreement. Time and again these wandering folks forgot their covenant vows and walked their own way. But God in his infinite mercy loved them and blessed them with a new land. In the new land of "milk and honey" the people of God forsook their commitments.

Jeremiah's description of the nation's sins is very dramatic. It reads like this: "Pass over the islands of Chittim and travel to Kedar and you won't find the likes of these people. . . . Be astonished, O ye heavens . . . For my people have forsaken the fountain of living water for a broken cistern."

The references to Chittim and Kedar describe two places where pagan gods were worshipped. Despite the worship of idols the people of Chittim and Kedar were loyal, which is more than could be said for the people of Israel.

From Evil to Evil [Romans 1:18, 28-32]

Sin is like quicksand; the harder you try to get out the deeper you may sink. There's an old cliche' that says, "God hates sin but loves the sinner." God's anger is particularly kindled against those who know what is right but who refuse to do it. God allows us to choose our own path, whether that path leads to joy or to destruction. Sometimes we are our worst enemy. When we choose to involve ourselves in sinful practices we also set ourselves up for trouble. When we fail to include God in the landscape of our lives it is very easy to get into a rut of godless living. The end result of godless living is individual and social chaos.

Paul hits close to home when he sheds light on those who vicariously enjoy the sins of others. While we may not commit a certain sin, there is within us the sometimes hidden pleasure of watching others.

THE SIN IN THE WORLD [Romans 2:1,11]

Judging the sins of others is a responsibility of God. Quite often we find it easy to appoint ourselves judge over another person's life. People who think they are spiritually superior to others sometime sit in judgment over others. As James puts it, "If any man thinks he is religious, and does not hold his tongue, he deceives himself, and his religion is vain" (James 1:26).

We must always be on guard to check our own behavior before we even think to judge another, for so often it is easy to condemn in others that which we know to be true about us. In other words, "the pot ends up calling the kettle black!"

God judges his people righteously. He does not judge with prejudice. He would rather bless us with grace than to blast us with judgment.

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HORACE COLEMAN, CHAIRMAN of Board of Appomattox County Department of Social Services is shown presenting certificates of recognition and appreciation to Mary Walker, center, and Myrna Clark, left, for three years work with the department. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

Workers honored

Two members of the Appomattox County Department of Social Services were honored last week when they were presented with certificates in recognition and appreciation of three years of employment in the social services in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Mary P. Walker, Senior Eligibility ADC, Medicaid, and SLH Worker, Fuel Assistance Supervisor, General Relief Supervisor, and Unemployed Jobs Bill Supervisor, and Myrna F. Clark, ADC Elibibility worker were honored.

Letters

Dear Parents:

The faculty and administration of Appomattox County High School are looking forward to a great year with your child(ren). We will continue to provide maximum learning opportunities for all students each hour and each day. It is our desire to provide experiences through which students will meet success and will achieve according to their abilities and desires. With parent support and encouragement we can work together for maximum student growth.

Throughout the school year, we will be reviewing our instructional programs, activities, and school procedures. Parent and community assistance will be needed in order to implement the recently adopted State Accreditation Standards. You are invited to come to our office, and we will be glad to discuss the specific areas included in the Standards.

There are a few items which need to be brought to your attention about school attendance. As you are aware there are 180 school days in our calendar. For a student to receive maximum learning opportunities he/she must be in attendance as many of those 180 days as possible. The daily attendance of our students has increased during the past three years, but there is still room for improvement. We understand and excuse students who are absent from school for reasons of illness, medical, dental, and legal appointments.

For the past few years, there has been a growing concern over the number of early dismissals. Students report for roll call and at some time during the day leave school with a note or call from parents. This means that a student misses valuable instructional time (from one to six classes per day).

We want to communicate to you our early dismissal policy and procedure for the 1983-84 school session.

1. A note and/or phone call from the parents shall be required for early dismissal of a student.

2. Students on early dismissal for medical, dental, legal or funeral reasons will eventually be given an excused absence and will have an opportunity to make up the missed work with a verification note or appointment slip from doctor, etc.

3. Students on early dismissal for reasons of personal business (reasons other than those listed in No. 2) will be marked unexcused and will receive a daily grade of zero in each class missed.

These points and check-out procedures were discussed with the student body on Tuesday and Wednesday, August 29 and August 30.

If you have any questions regarding attendance, early dismissals, Accreditation Standards, or other policies call us at 352-7146.

Sincerely,
Donald L. Armentrout, Principal
John E. McLean, Asst. Principal

Editor

Geography teachers often become dumbfounded and perplexed upon realizing their students become lost when asked to identify specific locations on maps. If a similar survey was taken at local churches asking each member to identify what their belief was placed in, many preachers would likewise be distressed upon the responses from the congregation.

All to often, people know not who or what they worship. Instead of adhering to the truth of the Word of God, they follow after men, tradition, ideals, church membership, and church creeds. Like the geography students, many church members are lost when it comes to knowing for sure where they are spiritually.

In foretelling the judgment of Israel, the Lord stood upon a wall made by a plumbline with a plumbline in his hand and said, "Behold, I will set a plumbline in the midst of my people Israel: I will not again pass by them any more." Being made and fashioned by the hand of God, the Word of God will be the plumbline whereby all men will be judged.

No doubt, those people who practiced religion will be found wanting when weighed in the balances and measured according to the Word of God. Practice makes perfect, but not when you're practicing wrong.

Susan A. Godsey

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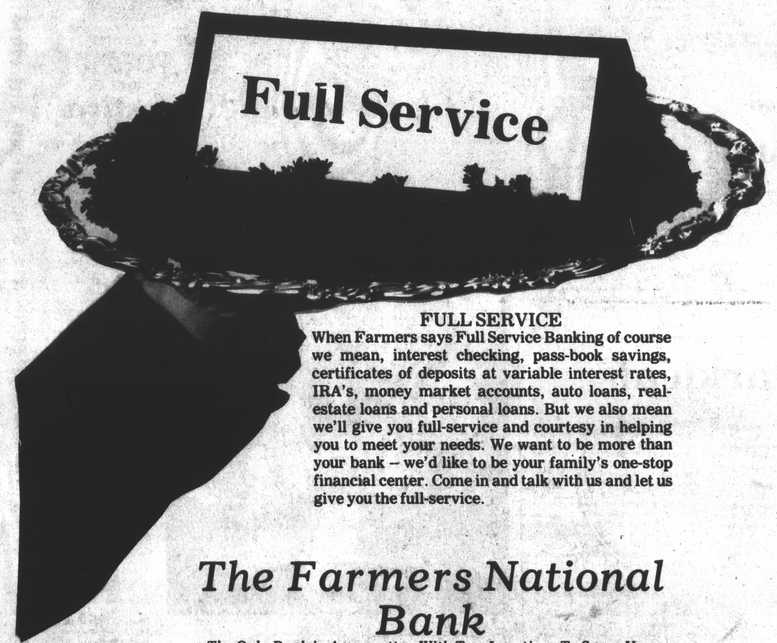

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Local school menus

Appomattox Middle School Menu

Mon., Oct. 3 - Sausage pattie, cheese wedge, mixed vegetable, hot roll, milk.
Tues., Oct. 4 - Hamburger pattie, gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot roll, milk.
Wed., Oct. 5 - Beefaroni, cheese wedge, tossed salad, fruit, hot roll, milk.
Thurs., Oct. 6 - Batter dip fish, macaroni & cheese, green peas, buttered roll, milk.
Fri., Oct. 7 - Hot dog with chili, cole slaw, beans, cookie, milk.

Elementary School Menu

Oct. 3 - Veal Patty, Cheese strips, hot rolls, green beans, whipped potatoes, fruit cup, milk.
Oct. 4 - Mexi Frost Beef and cheese burrito, green peas w/pear onions, buttered corn, diced pears, milk.
Oct. 5 - Hot dog on bun, cabbage & carrot slaw, pork & beans, sliced peaches, milk.
Oct. 6 - Sausage patties, mixed greens, hot rolls, creamy potatoes, applesauce, milk.
Oct. 7 - Railroad Day! Cannon ball chicken thighs, round house rolls, conductor's beans, hobo's taters, chew chew fruit, tank car milk.
Oct. 10 - Pizza boat, tossed salad w/dressing, buttered corn, diced pears, milk.
Oct. 11 - Chicken filet, hot bun, french-styled beans, buttered boiled potatoes, sliced peaches, milk.
Oct. 12 - Barbecue on bun, cole slaw, french fries w/catsup, cherry turnovers, milk.
Oct. 13 - Wafer sliced beef sandwich w/cheese, green peas, macaroni salad, fruit jello, milk.

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Appomattox Primary School Menus - October, 1983

Mon., Oct. 3 - Corn dog, green peas, pineapple, Happy Birthday Cake, milk.
Tues., Oct. 4 - Chili beans, apple sauce, cabbage & carrot slaw, home baked roll, butter, jello w/topping, milk.
Wed., Oct. 5 - Pizza, lettuce & tomato salad, mixed fruit, milk.
Thurs., Oct. 6 - Hamburger on bun, French fries, string beans, home baked roll, butter, milk.
Fri., Oct. 7 - Vegetable soup, grilled cheese sandwich, peaches, milk.
Mon., Oct. 10 - Ham pattie, lima beans, cabbage & carrot slaw, home baked roll, butter, milk.
Tues., Oct. 11 - Sausage pattie, green peas, candied yams, home baked roll, butter, milk.
Wed., Oct. 12 - Spaghetti, cheese squares, tossed salad, pears, home baked roll, butter, milk.
Thurs., Oct. 13 - Hamburger on bun, French fries, buttered carrots, pudding, milk.
Fri., Oct. 14 - Fish squares, mixed greens, macaroni & cheese, home baked roll, butter, milk.
Mon., Oct. 17 - Pizza, tossed salad, cookie, milk.
Tues., Oct. 18 - Beefaroni, cheese square, corn, baked apples, milk.
Wed., Oct. 19 - Turkey hash, creamed potatoes, string beans, home baked roll, butter, milk.
Thurs., Oct. 20 - Hamburger on bun, lima beans, corn, jello w/topping, milk.
Fri., Oct. 21 - Cream of tomato soup, bologna sandwich, apple sauce, milk.
Mon., Oct. 24 - Corn dog, baked apples, string beans, cake, milk.
Tues., Oct. 25 - Ham pattie, green peas, candied yams, home baked roll, butter, milk.
Wed., Oct. 26 - Meat loaf, tossed salad, fruit, pudding, milk.
Thurs., Oct. 27 - Hamburger on bun, French fries, string beans, home baked roll, butter, milk.
Fri., Oct. 28 - Fish squares, winter mix, creamed potatos, home baked roll, butter, milk.
Mon., Oct. 31 - Sausage pattie, green peas, apple sauce, home baked roll, butter, milk.

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